

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 2, before "Technical Field", insert the following:

### -- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of US Patent Application No. 09/769,585, filed January 25, 2001, which is a divisional of US Patent Application No 08/875,225, filed October 17, 1997, now US Patent No. 6,211,335, issued April 3, 2001, which is a § 371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/AU96/00024, filed January 19, 1996, now abandoned. --.

On page 1, delete the paragraph spanning lines 2-8.

On page 1, line 9, kindly amend the heading according to the following:

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION ART

On page 4, line 12, kindly amend the heading according to the following:

### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 4, after "Summary of the Invention", kindly re-insert the following paragraph:

-- The present invention relates to methods for joining living tissues, including veins, arteries, microvessels, tubes, nerves, organ tissues and biological surfaces, such as peritoneum, omentum, fascia, shin, artificial tissues, and to pharmaceutical products useful in joining these tissues. --.

On page 10, amend the paragraph spanning lines 26-28, according to the following:

Figure 4 Fig. 4A shows the repair site of a 0.3 mm diameter tibial nerve immediately after: a) diode laser strip welding, and b).

Fig. 4B shows the repair site of a 0.3 mm diameter tibial nerve immediately after microsuturing.

On page 11, kindly amend the heading according to the following:

**BEST METHOD OF CARRYING OUT DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

Please also enter the attached Abstract of the Disclosure on the attached page.